

# BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of	)		
CHASE HOBART #25999	)	Case No.	2021-0229
#23999	<i>)</i> )		

# **SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for Commission action through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, regarding the law enforcement certification of CHASE HOBART (Respondent).

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 25999.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Arkansas City Police Department from February 4, 2013, to October 20, 2021.
- 3. M.H. reported to law enforcement that, between August 9 and August 10, 2021, Respondent smacked or grabbed her buttocks multiple times, touched her breast, and intermittingly squeezed her thigh. M.H. was a minor at the time. M.H. reported that the touching was nonconsensual and made her feel uncomfortable and scared. A petition for

- a Protection from Abuse Order (PFA), which included M.H. as a protected person, was filed on August 13, 2021. The petition identified M.H.'s workplace as the Taco Bell in Winfield, Kansas. A Temporary PFA Order was issued and served on Respondent on August 13. The temporary PFA ordered Respondent not to enter or come on or around M.H.'s workplace.
- 4. On August 27, 2021, M.H. was working at her part-time job at the Winfield Taco Bell. M.H. had been working at the Taco Bell for the preceding three to four months. Her regular work schedule was Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. Shortly before 9:30 p.m. on Friday, August 27, M.H. was returning to the Taco Bell building from taking the trash to the dumpster and saw Respondent enter the drive through lane. Upon seeing Respondent, M.H. screamed a code word indicating Respondent's presence into her headset. She was visibly shaking and trembling. The temporary PFA restraining Respondent from coming on or around M.H.'s workplace remained in effect at the time of his visit. Respondent admitted to being on the Winfield Taco Bell property on August 27.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

#### Criminal Conduct

- 5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(5), the Commission may revoke the certification of any police or law enforcement officer who engages in conduct which, if charged as a crime, would constitute a felony crime under the laws of this state, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act at the time the conduct occurred, or a misdemeanor crime that the Commission determines reflects on the honesty, trustworthiness, integrity or competence of the applicant as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission.
- 6. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(44) states that, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616, and amendments thereto, an applicant or officer shall not engage in conduct, whether or not charged as a crime or resulting in a conviction, that would constitute violation of a protective order, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

7. Respondent's conduct constitutes a misdemeanor crime that the Commission determines reflects on the honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, or competence of the applicant as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission. Respondent's conduct constitutes violation of a protective order.

#### Good Moral Character

- 8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(1) the Commission may revoke the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605 or 74-5607a, and amendments thereto.
- 9. K.S.A. 74-5605(b)(5) states that each applicant for certification shall be of good moral character sufficient to warrant the public trust in the applicant as a police officer or law enforcement officer.
- 10. K.A.R. 106-2-4(a) defines good moral character as including the personal traits or qualities of integrity, honesty, upholding the laws of the state and nation, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification as specified in K.A.R. 106-3-6.
- 11. Pursuant to K.A.R. 106-2-4(b), any single incident or event may suffice to show that a licensee lacks or has failed to maintain good moral character.
- 12. Respondent's conduct shows that he lacks the personal qualities of integrity, honesty, upholding the laws of the state, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification.

#### **Summary Proceedings**

13. Under K.S.A. 77-537, the Commission may conduct these summary proceedings, subject to Respondent's request for a hearing. The Commission finds that the use of summary proceedings in these circumstances does not violate any provisions of law and the

protection of the public interest does not require the Commission to give notice and opportunity to participate to any person other than Respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of CHASE HOBART be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF CHASE HOBART IS HEREBY
REVOKED.

FURTHER, Respondent is ordered to surrender and return to the Commission all evidence of his certification as a law enforcement officer.

DATED this day of august, 2022.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Jeff Herrig

Chair, Investigative Committee

#### **NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) days from the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below. If a written request for hearing is not so made, this Summary Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on the 22 nd day of 4 youst, 2022, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, certified, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

CHASE HOBART

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training